

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0057], on page 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0057] Specific hardware implementations of virtual routers are discussed in copending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. [10/085,031](#) [[Attorney Docket No. ASH-01-003](#)], filed [March 1, 2003](#) and entitled, "Systems And Methods For Implementing a Virtual Router," the contents of which are incorporated in their entirety herein.